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SUBJECT: TENNESSEE STATE TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) STATE 264394 (B) CAIRO 263361 (C) ABU DHABI 2288  
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1. SUBJECT MISSION LEADER THERON RICE, JR. HAS ASKED US TO PASS ON SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR ADDRESSEE POSTS. WE ALSO INCLUDE GROUP'S REACTIONS TO FLOOD OF CABLES RE NON-EXISTENCE OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. FOR CAIRO: MISSION REQUESTS BRIEFING APPROX. 2 PM ON NOV. 15. TRAVEL REP JAY SMITH SHOWED EMBOFF TELEX FROM MOHAMMED MOURDASH CONFIRMING 10 ROOMS AT NERIDIEN FOR NIGHT OF 15TH. REQUESTS EMBASSY CAIRO CONTACT ITTA TOURS ONCE MORE AND ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM. TENNESSEE GROUP SEEMS CONFIDENT OF RESERVATIONS AND AT THIS POINT INTENDS TRAVELLING ON TO CAIRO.

3. FOR ABU DHABI: REQUEST BRIEFING FROM LIMBERT IN DUBAI APPROX. 10 AM NOVEMBER 10. GROUP INTENDS TRAVEL BY CAR FROM DUBAI TO ABU DHABI ARRIVING APPROX. 10 AM AND WOULD LIKE EMBASSY BRIEFING.

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4. FOR JIDDA: RICE ASKS FOR BRIEFING FROM EMBOFF IN RIYADH

ON AFTERNOON OF NOV. 11. WE NOT SURE MACARTHUR OR ANY OFFICER AVAILABLE FOR THIS AND SO INFORMED RICE. GROUP ALSO IANS CONTACT DIRECTOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN RIYADH FOR BRIEFING. GROUP ARRIVES JIDDA APPROX. 11 AM NOV. 13 AND WOULD LIKE EMBASSY BRIEFING SOON AFTER ARRIVAL.

5. FOR BAGHDAD: GROUP CONFIDENT IT HOLDS RESERVATIONS FOR NIGHTS OF NOV. 16 AND 17. SMITH SAYS RESERVATIONS MADE THROUGH MEA AND HALIA TOURS. RICE SAID HE HAD REQUESTED BRIEFING AT 9 AM ON NOV. 17. SUGGESTS INVITATION BE SENT OUT AT DISCRETION OF USINT BAGHDAD. SUBJECT MISSION HAS NO RPT NO ADVANCE MAN ALTHOUGH RICE SAID SOMEONE REPRESENTING SEVERAL TENNESSEE BUSINESSES WAS VISITING IRAQ.

6. FOR TEHRAN: GROUP REQUESTS EMBASSY BRIEFING NOV. 19 AT 10 OR 11 AM.

7. FOR TEHRAN AND BAGHDAD: SMITH SAYS CURRENT TRAVEL PLANS ARE TO DEPART ON NOV. 19 AT 2 A.M. ETA TEHRAN 4 A.M. GROUP MAINTAINS IT HAS RESERVATIONS AT INTERCONTINENTAL.

8. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: RICE REQUESTS BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS WHEREVER AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. BUSINESSMEN HAVE SOME CONTACTS QN EACHPOST BUT NO FIRM APPOINTMENTS. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED RICE OF DIFFICULTIES THIS PRESENTS BUT HE SAYS GROUP AGREEABLE TO WHATEVER SCHEDULE POSTS CAN PROVIDE. RICE PROMISED TO CALL POSTS ASAP AFTER ARRIVAL IN EACH COUNTRY. WE NOTE THAT ONE BUSINESSMAN, CHARLES MOORE, PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS MEMBER OF MISSION, IS NOT RPT NOT PART OF TENNESSEE GROUP. STOLTZFUS

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